

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 42 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 2, 4, 7, 10, 11, 13, 14, 16, 18-20, 43-47, 49, 50, 55, 56, 58, 60, and 61 have been amended. Thus, claims 2-41 and 43-75 are presently pending, with claims 2, 7, 10, 11, 16, 18, 19, 21, 45-47, 50, 56, 58, 60, and 62 being independent.

Applicant initially acknowledges with appreciation the allowance of claims 21-41 and 62-75 in the Office Action dated October 11, 2006.

Claims 5, 6, and 8-10 are rejected in the Action under 35 U.S. C. § 112, ¶ 2, because there is no antecedent basis in claim 5 for the language “said brake housing.” The necessary amendments have been made so that claims 5, 6, 8, and 9 depend from claim 2, which recites the brake housing. Furthermore, claim 10 has been amended to recite, among other things, a brake housing. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

In the Action, claims 2-3, 7, 10-12, 16-19, 45-48, 50-52, and 56-60 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As suggested in the Action, claims 2, 7, 10, 11, 16, 18, 19, 45-47, 50, 56, 58, and 60 have been rewritten in independent form and should therefore be in condition for allowance. Claim 3 depends from claim 2, claim 12 depends from claim 11, claim 17 depends from claim 16, claim 48 depends from claim 47, claims 51 and 52 depend from claim 50, claim 57 depends from claim 56, and claim 59 depends

from claim 58. Furthermore, the necessary amendments have been made so that the remaining dependent claims (i.e., claims 4-6, 8, 9, 13-15, 20, 43, 44, 49, 53-55, and 61) depend from an allowable claim. Accordingly, the dependent claims should also be in condition for allowance.

Because of the foregoing amendments, the prior rejections of the claims are now moot.

Therefore, the present application should now be in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned at (800) 445-3460.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$1,400.00 to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 19-0522 for the independent claims added herein. The Commissioner is further authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to said Deposit Account.

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